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**Box Patent Application**

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Washington, DC 20231

Presented for filing is a new provisional to utility patent application of:

Applicant: SCOTT C. HARRIS

Title: USING BIOMETRICS AS AN ENCRYPTION KEY

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/160,439, filed October 19, 1999.

This case is entitled to small entity status. An executed small entity statement is attached.

A Petition to Make Special under MPEP 708.02(VIII) is attached with a separate check.

There are 25 claims, 6 independent.

Basic filing fee	\$345
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9	\$45
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$39	\$117
Fee for multiple dependent claims	\$0
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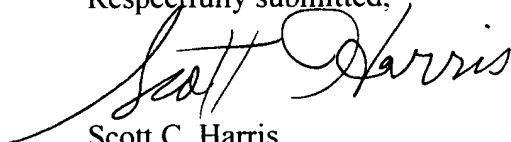
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